Four lanning of Bhachau-Gandhidham National Highway

2041. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether four lanning of Bhachau-Gandhidham National Highway-8A is under implementation;

(b) whether the project is running behind the schedule;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Four-lanning of Bhachau-Gandhidham section of National Highway-8A is being implemented in two packages as under:

(i) From Bhachau to Padana (22 Km)
(ii) From Padana to Gandhidham (16.16 Km)

The package from Bhachau to Padana is scheduled for completion by June, 2002, and that from Padana to Gandhidham by May, 2002. There has been some delay in completion because of extensive damages caused to the pavement and structures by the earthquake of the 26th Janury, 2001.

Basic amenities along North-South and East-West Corridors

2042. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during construction of the Golden Quadrilateral and North-South and East-West expressways, Government have planned to build way-side motels and rest amenities for travellers;

(b) whether such facilities would include clean drinking water, baths/privies, PCOs and cafeterias;

(c) whether such facilities are proposed to be leased out to private vendors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?